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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CHILE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE ORGANIZED  
BY THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) IN HELSINKI  
SEPTEMBER 29-30 WAS THAT NON-COMMUNIST FINNISH  
DELEGATES SUCCEEDED IN WRESTING CONTROL OF THE  
CONFERENCE FOLLOW-ON FROM THE WPC. FINNISH CONCERN  
OVER CHILE HAS BEEN, AND CONTINUES, AT FEVER PITCH BUT  
RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS IN FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND  
CENTER PARTIES DID NOT WANT FINNISH PROTESTS OVER JUNTA  
EXCESSES SUBSUMED IN COMMUNIST-DOMINATED FORUM THAT  
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WOULD BE DISMISSED OUT OF HAND BY NEW RULERS IN CHILE.

SINCE THE CONFERENCE ENDED FINNISH EFFORTS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON SENDING A JOINT NORDIC PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO LOOK INTO SITUATION IN CHILE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE WPC MEETING WAS HASTILY ARRANGED WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE FINNISH POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT. LEADING POLITICIANS WERE NAMED TO THE FINNISH "SUPPORT COMMITTEE" WITHOUT EVEN BEING NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE. THE FINNISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SAK) WAS ALSO NOT CONSULTED AND EVEN ITS COMMUNIST VICE CHAIRMAN, ARVO HAUTALA, WHO WAS NAMED AS A DELEGATE DID NOT IN FACT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC AT THE CONFERENCE WAS THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO STIMULATE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. AFTER HARD BEHIND-THE-SCENES BARGAINING IT WAS FINALLY AGREED THAT THE FINNISH SPONSORING COMMITTEE

WOULD WORK AS A COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO "PROCEED URGENTLY TO CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL SECTORS, FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS (PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONFERENCE OR NOT) TO INSURE THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE RICH DIVERSITY OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE CHILEAN CAUSE ON THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO RAPIDLY CREATE A VERY WIDE WORLD MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHILEAN PEOPLE."

2. FINNS BEHIND THIS MOVE HAVE TOLD US THEY HOPE TO SHED THE MANTLE OF COMMUNIST SPONSORSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL PROTEST MOVEMENT AND THEREBY TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WORLD-WIDE CONCERN OVER CHILE IS BY NO MEANS LIMITED TO THOSE THE JUNTA WOULD CONSIDER ITS NATURAL ENEMIES. THESE RESPONSIBLE FORCES IN FINLAND LOOK FOR MORAL SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES IN BRINGING ABOUT A HALT TO THE BLOODSHED AND IN CONTROLLING THE PASSIONS UNLEASHED BY THE COUP.

3. THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR FINLANDIA HALL CONFERENCE INCLUDED ABOUT 180 FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES FROM 52 COUNTRIES AND 17 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. A LARGE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPORTION OF THEM WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE WPC OR LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTIES. IN ADDITION, ABOUT 80 FINNISH DELEGATES ATTENDED. THE FEATURED SPEAKER WAS ISABEL ALLENDE, DAUGHTER OF THE LATE CHILEAN PRESIDENT. THE CONFERENCE WAS CHAIRED BY ULF SANDQVIST, FINLAND'S 28-YEAR-OLD MINISTER OF EDUCATION, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE FINNISH "SUPPORT COMMITTEE" WHICH NOW HAS THE TASK OF BROADENING THE CHILE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN.

4. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE CONFERENCE FINNISH POLITICIANS --WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) PLAYING A LEADING ROLE--HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR EFFORTS TO SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO CHILE. THE GOVERNMENT LAST WEDNESDAY ENDORSED THE PARLIAMENT'S DECISION TO SEND SUCH A DELEGATION AND SINCE THEN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO FORM A JOINT DELEGATION WHICH WOULD ARRIVE IN CHILE IN MID-OCTOBER. THE ONLY SOUR NOTE IN THE LAST WEEK WAS THE FAILURE TO MERGE THE TWO RIVAL CHILE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES, BOTH FORMED A FEW MONTHS PRIOR TO THE COUP. THE "CHILE SOCIETY" LED BY YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MP ERKKI TUOMIOJA AND THE "FINLAND-CHILE SOCIETY" BACK BY THE STALINIST FACTION OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY AND LED BY RADIO DIRECTOR EINO S. REPO MET TO DISCUSS AMALGAMATION THE DAY AFTER THE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE. REPO, PROBABLY SMARTING FROM THE SUCCESS OF THE MODERATE FORCES IN CHANGING THE CHARACTER OF THE CONFERENCE FOLLOW-ON, ACCUSED THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF "DICTATORSHIP" IN TRYING TO CONTROL ALL CHILE SUPPORT EFFORTS. SDP INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY PAAVO LIPPONEN TOOK THIS AS HIS CUE TO WALK OUT OF THE MEETING AND THE TALKS BROKE DOWN. KREHBIEL

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